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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

1. I MET WITH WALDHEIM AS YOU REQUESTED EVENING JULY 16 TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF RENEWING UNEF IN LIGHT OF RECENT EGYPTIAN ACTIONS. I TOLD SYG YOU ENVISAGED A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CENTRAL ROLE IN PRESENT SITUATION FOR UN GENERALLY AND FOR HIM PERSONALLY. WE WERE NOW EXPLORING WITH EGYPTIANS EXACTLY WHAT UN'S ROLE MIGHT BE. I NOTED EGYPT HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT FORCE BE WITHDRAWN.

2. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION AND ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS STRONG INTEREST IN KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU BECAUSE OF EXTREME SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION. WALDHEIM SAID HE FELT HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD EGYPTIAN MOTIVATION AND OBJECTIVES FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH AMB MEGUID. THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT EGYPTIANS WERE ANGRY BOTH THAT IT HAD NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THAT RABIN HAD MADE REPEATED
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STATEMENTS THAT ISRAEL WAS IN NO HURRY TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

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WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD CONCLUDED EGYPTIANS WANTED A POSITIVE SOLUTION THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD AGREE ONLY IF SECURITY COUNCIL TOOK CONCRETE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BOUNDARIES. IN WALDHEIM'S VIEW, SPECIFIC ACTION EGYPT WISHED WAS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING ME RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS CLEAR DEMAND FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. WALDHEIM CONTINUED THAT IF UNEF MANDATE WAS NOT RENEWED, HE HAD NO RIGHT TO KEEP IT THERE WITHOUT SPECIFIC SC AUTHORITY. SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT FROM 1967. NOW UNEF'S PRESENCE WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON SC DECISIONS. THUS, IF SC WAS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON RESOLUTION BY JULY 24, EGYPT MUST BE PERSUADED TO GIVE ITS INTERIM CONSENT TO UNEF'S PRESENCE.
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